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Indications of Their Activity in Several Congressional Districts.

IT WON'T DO TO TRUST THEM

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CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES.

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REVIEW OF THE SITUATION.

The Field in the Old Dominion Scanned as a Whole and by Districts.

WITH WORK WE SHALL SURELY WIN.

Without It We Shall Be Disappointed and Humiliated, So Do

CHARLOTTESVILLE, October 22 .- A look in upon State Democratic headquarters, a study of the work going on there and of the party organization, and a view of the political situation through headquarter

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don, chairman, and the following congressional district committees:

First District-Lloyd J. Smith (chairlish, Dr. Frank Fletcher, and R. B. Mer-

man), E. Thompson, Jr., C. F. Day, Frank W. Shields, and L. P. Stearns. Third District—Meade Haskins (chair-

(chairman), B. N. Hatcher, John Green, R. S. Martin, and P. P. Watson. Sixth District: 'A. M. Bowman (charr-

Hutter, R. W. Watkins.
Seventh District: T. A. Smoot (chairman), Marshall McCormick, T. S. Martin,

Dr. S. H. Moffett, R. E. Bird, Elghth District: J. Marbury (chairman), Ham. Sheppard, W. E. Bibb, C. P. Janney,

G. S. B. Triplett. man), W. S. Hamilton, A. A. Campbell,

H. A. Routh, T. A. Lynch.
Tenth District: Edward Echols (chairman), W. A. Anderson, W. McAllister,

Chairman Gordon established headquar-ters at Charlottesville, on August 18th and since then has given his undivided atten-

tion to the work of the campaign. Having taken up his tempo-rary residence within a mile of the city, he for conference to other parts of the State or to national Gordon, though only 32 years of age, has had quite a wide ex-

The headquarters correspondence and the work of the mailing department are something enormous. In addition to the congressional and county committees the plan of organization embraces precinct committees, consisting on an average of five mailing of the mailing

LOOKING AFTER THE SPEAKERS.

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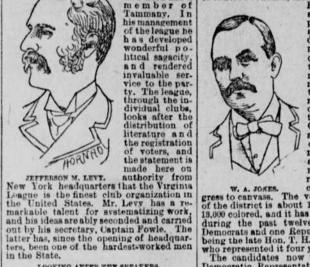
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THE COUNTRY AT LARGE.

He, too, is a pupil of the late Hon John S. Barbour, having become associated with that geatleman as committee secretary in 1883. He served in this position until 1890, when he was appointed a member of Mr. Eilys on 's Executive Committee, He was re-elected secretary in 1893. It is said of Captain Sheppard Mambleron Servedin that he knows every hos-path in the State. His labors entail a great deal of travelling, and he is ever ready to take a train at a moment's notice. He has facts and faures at his tongue's end, and in the absonce of Mr. Gordon has, if he is not also out of the city, general supervision of the head-buariers business.

A new and most effective feature of this campaign is the organization of the club system under State and national management. There are now in the State over 240 Democratic clubs, with an average of 138 members each, and the formation of new clubs is being reported daily. These clubs are banded under one central State organization, known as the Virginia League of Democratic Clubs, officered as follows: Jefferson M. Levy, chairman; Wilham H. Fowle, secretary. Executive Committee: Lloyd T. Smith, Heathwille; H. W. Page, Norfolk; Meade Haskins, Richmond; J. M. Crute, Farmyille; Edward W. Saunders, Rocky Moant: M. M. Rogers, Roanoke; H. H. Downing, Front Royal; Granville Gaines, Warrenton; State of Monticello, the home of Jefferson, where he entertains most hospitably, is a prominent business-man or New York and a New York

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., October 22.—The First Congressional District is composed of thirteen counties, including the city of



w. A. JOSES. candidate for Congress to canvass. The voting population of the district is about 18,000 whites and 18,000 colored, and it has been represented during the past twelve years by three Democrats and one Republican, the latter being the late Hon. T. H. Bailey Browne, who represented it four years.

The candidates now are the present Democratic Representative, of Hon. William A. Jones, and Captain Orris A. Browne, the Third-party candidate.

fishing interest. As to the latter he advo-cated the sale of all oyster-planting grounds at the ridiculous low sum of two ceals per acre, which has arrayed a large class of the voters against him. The oys-ter industry is a very disturbing element in the politics of this district, and Mr. Browne's position on that question has greatly injured him.

ATLIANCE VOTES LOST.

Mr. Browne will also lose a number of votes from the Farmers' Alliance, which he might have held but for his connection with the Philadelphia and Norfolk railroad and his acceptance of a free pass over that road, which is in opposition to one of the rules of the Alliance. Mr. Jones has made a very active canvass, speaking often as many as five times in one day. The Eastern Shore he has canvassed thoroughly and it is a subject of unfavorable commentupon Mr. Browne that he failed to meet Mr. Jones in his (Browne's) own section. In the canvass General Fitzhugh Lee, Senator John W. Daniel, Hons. Charles T. O'Ferrall, James L. Gordon, Holmes Conrad, John Goode, H. R. Pollard, W. R. McKinney, William A. Little, Jr., John M. Hudgin, W. D. Quesenberry, Charles V. Meredith, James N. Stubbs, Lloyd T. Smith. Darius Jones, and others have spoken in behalf of Democracy, while the Third-party speakers have been Messrs. Beverley, Braxton, Pierson, Turner, and a colored lawyer named Walker.

The outlook in the district is quite gratifying to the Democrats, and Jones's majority will exceed 2,000, although his opponent, with the aid of the Republicans, are bending all their energies toward securing the solid negro vote. It is apparent, however, that a large number of the intelligent white and colored Republicans will either vote for Jones or abstain from voting for congressman, as Mr. Browne has emphasized in his speeches that he was a "Jeffersonian Democrat, and not a New York Democrat."

THROW ASIDE THE SHADOW.

Throw aside, however, the shadow to which I have referred, and there is not an element of uncertainty or discouragement in the above summary that cannot be turned to the advantage of the Democratic party. Further, these elements are in some instances being neutralized by conditions evolving out of the opposition. It is stretching liberally to say that if the election were to take place to morrow the People's party would poll 5,000 votes in the State. Every day the work of dissolution is becoming more rapid. No better evidence of this could be adduced than the fact that the Ropublicans are making strenuous efforts to perfect organization in the districts in which the Third party is strongest. In some quarters they are doing this openly and in others accretly; but in either case it points to the conclusion that the Third-party Democrats are returning to their allegiance to the old party. In short, the eleventh-hour tactics of the Republican party are disgusting the Third-party people and strengthening the Democratic organization.

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As for the Seventh and Eighth Districts, as an off-set to the apprehension that the people are not as wide awake as usual, it must be considered that this has not been a burnah campaign, and that these districts were the strongholds of Mr. Cleveland. In this canvass the people have done more thinking in the issues involved than ever before, and have been more influenced by campaign literature. Of this there has been an abundance distributed in the two districts. Nevertheless, they will be made a checker-board of meetings during the next two weeks.

After all, however, even with the most optimistic view it must be remembered that in not a single county in the State can the party afford to dispense with work, relax its virilance, or take anything for granted. Touching the electoral vote of figures, but I think I am justified in predicting on the basis of headquarter information that Mr. Cleveland's majority will agreeably surprise the most sanguine.

THE COUNTEY AT LARGE.

panization. They have few meetings, compared to former D. G. TILES. compared to former D. G. TILES. campaigns, and the meetings that are held are slimly attended, particularly by the whites, except in the vicinity of the navy-yard. I am told that in the country section there is a somewhat similar apathy, growing out of the fact that the colored whippers-in find there is, no money in the job, and the colored voter is rapidly getting into the habit of desiring to be paid to register and then paid to vote, too.

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER.

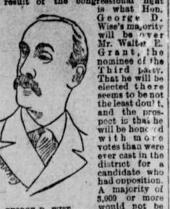
On the other hand, the Democrats of this part of the district are thoroughly aroused. Norfolk, Portsmouth, and the aurrounding neighborhood can boast of more Democratic clubs, and the regular clubs of greater strength and infinence, than ever before in any campaign. All are standing shoulder to shoulder with a determination to win, and will roil up a majority for Cleveland and Tyler that will go far towards reducing the strength of the enemy in the black-belt portion of the district.

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Captain R. C. Marshall, who has just returned from stumping the district, says the outlook for the Democrats in the counties is most encouraging. Everywhere the meetings are well attended by the people and a great amount of interest is manifested in the result of the approaching national and congressional struggle. He feels assured that a heavy Democratic vote will be polled all ever the district, and that the ballots thrown away by the Third-party county.

The vote in the Third District, which embraces the cities of Richmond and Manchester and the counties of Henrico, Hancver, New Kent, King Wilham, Chester, field, and Goochland, will probably be larger than ever before, and the Demoratic managers are confident that our majorities of the last few years will be maintained and perhaps increased.

The only question of uncertainty at the result of the congressional fluid is what Hon.



GEORGE D. WISE. Would not surprising—at least to the Democrats.

This has truly been an educational campaign so far as the Democrate are concerned. They have had an unusual number of good speakers in the field, and the great issues before the people have been discussed clearly and forcibly. Little attempt has been made at oratory, but the meetings, especially in the counties, have been well attended, and the people of this section have manifested an interest that is encouraging. Mr. Stevenson made a fine impression on the occasion of his visit to Richmond, and all of the 3,000 honest workingmen who looked into his bonest face and heard his words of wisdom at the Academy of Music will be found in line on the 8th of November.

The speeches of Holmes Conrad in Richmond and Manchester greatly stirred the people, and the earnest arguments of John Goode, John Daniel, Fitz, Lee, and others from other sections of the State, who have visited the district, have been productive of much good. Most effective work has been done by our home speakers—Meade Haskins, C. V. Meredith, B. B. Munford, Thomas N. Page, Mayor Ellyson, Wyndham B. Meredith, R. L. Montague, and others. As district chairman and elector Meade Haskins has thrown his every energy into the work, and his organization is wellnigh perfect. No district has a better or more self-sacrificing chairman, and few stumpers deal the enemy such severe blows as he drives home on every occasion that offers.

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The Republicans have decided not to put any candidate for Congress in the field and their efforts are being directed to the one end of getting out their full party vote for Harrison. Though keeping very quiet they are working with tremendous zeal and the leaders are often in council. They have not had any public meetings but are none the less active and their organization is in pretty good shape.

The Third-party people are working as energetically as if they really expected to elect Mr. Grant. He has only made one or two little speeches himself, but Mr. Hobson, of Powhatan, and one or two others have been making occasional addresses in his behalf. Generals Weaver and Field and their travelling companion, Mrs. Lease, visited Richmond a few weeks ago and had a very good meeting at Old-Market Hall, but little or no enthusiasm was aroused. The crowd was largely composed of Democrats drawn to the place by curiosity.

THE TWO CANDIDATES. Mr. Grant, the congressional nominee of this party of new notions and fallacious theories, is a successful farmer and owns a handsome estate on the river a few miles above Richmond. He has hitherto been a Democrat, and is now chairman of the Henrico Board of Supervisors by virtue of the confidence reposed in him by that party. Mr. Grant can hardly hope to get many votes in Richmond, though it is said that his friends count on his receiving liberal support from the business-men. In certain sections of Chesterfield, Goochland, Henrico, and Hanover there are a good many Third-partyites, most of whom have strayed from the Democratic fold.

Hon. George D. Wise, who for the seventh successive time bears the standard of the Democracy aloft, has made an efficient representative and his duties have been taithfully discharged. He was first elected in 1880 over John S. Wise, with a majority of about 2,800 and has served continuously since with the exception of a half term, when turned out by a Republican House, which seated ex-Judge Edmund Waddill. Mr. Grant, the congressions

FOURTH DISTRICT.

A Contest Between Three Candididates [Correspondence of the Richmend Dispatch.]

Petersbung, Va., October 22.-The campaign in the Fourth District presents a very peculiar aspect. There are three candidates in the field for Corress, the representatives of three parties and each party makes claim to vic-tory. But if the cli

Third-party people can find no objection to him, save that he is a Democrat. When challenged upon the stump to state what their objections were to Mr. Epps. their speakers have signally failed to assign any.

FORES AS A MARTYR.

The Third-party candidate is Mr. J. Thomas Goode, of Mecklenburg, a member of the last General Assembly. He posses as a martyr before the people because of the refusal of the Democratic caucus of the Assembly to admit him to its meetings, and in all his speeches he trys to paint his picture in its brightest light. He plants himself on the Ocala platform, favors unlimited coinage of silver and inflation of curreacy, and lays all the ills that have befallen the farmers at the doors of the Democrats, and this in the face of the fact that the legislation of the county had been controlled by the Republican party for the last thirty years. Mr. Goode is a citizen of Mecklenburg county, a gentleman of good standing and character, and a man of fine intellectual attainments. He is advocating a bad cause and represents a party that is daily weakening.

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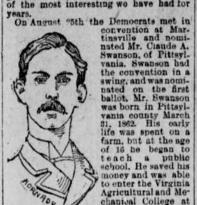
Mr. Samuel Y. Gilliam claims to be the candidate of the Republican party. He is a citizen of Dinwiddie county, and was for four years sheriff of that county. He is a gentleman of genial manners and of wide acquaintance. His nomination by the

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It is evident that the body of the Republican vote cannot be delivered to either Mr. Gilliam or to Mr. Goode, the Third-party candidate. A great deal of it will go to Mr. Epes, whose election is almost assured.

FIFTH DISTRICT. Swanson Will Defeat Jones Despite a Re-

DANVILLE, Va., October 22.—The congressional contest in this district is one of the most interesting we have had for



to enter the Virginia Agricultural and Merchanical College at Blacksburg. He CLAUDE A. Smanson. made a fine record at college, but was torced to leave before graduating because of lack of funds. He then came to Danville and took a position in a grocerystore here. He joined a local debating society and soon gave evidence of the fact that he had in him the making of an orator. In the course of time he made an address before a large Sunday-school meeting in this city, and acquitted himself so handsomely that four of Danville's citizens offered to give him a course at college. He accepted the offer and matriculated at Randolph-Macon College. His college course was brilliant. He won the Sutherlin medal of the Washington Literary Society, and was graduated with distinction. He then entered the law class at the University of Virginia and took his degree in one year. He also won the orator's medal of the Jeff. Society. He then settled at Chatham and entered at once into a lucrative legal practice.

Mr. Swanson is bright, quick, affable, and sociable. He is well informed and makes a capital political speech. He is industrious and aggressive and is making an energetic canvass.

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Pitted against him is Benjamin T. Jones, of Henry. It is a curious coincidence that Mr. Jones was also at one time a clerk in a Danville grocery store. He is about 40 years of age and is regarded as a sharp political wireworker. He has always been a Republican and is now holding a Republican effect that months ago in Hoboken. N. J. He was a licutenant in the Confused to meet Swanson on the stump.

Jones received his nomination in a manner that was, to say the least, irregular. The Populists held a convention at Martin, splain farmer. A short time thereafter Martin, for some reason, withdrew from the canvass. The properting, of course, was then to call the delegates again together and choose his successor. Instead, a mass-meeting for that purpose was called at Rocky Mount on September 17th. In the meantime, Martin had again changed his mind and aunounced that he would not withdraw. But no attention was paid to his card and the meeting was held. Martin, Jones, and several others submitted their claims to the meeting and Jones was nominated.

About a week later the Republicans held their convention at Rocky Mount, but decided to make no nomination. The Republican recently to State Chairman Pierson, of the People's party, has been published, in the decided to make no nomination. The Republican vote will, of course, go to Jones,

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The canvass has been an active one, and has been fought out for the most part on national issues. The district has been thoroughly canvassed and the Democrats have done excellent work. Danville has sent out a score of bright intelligent speakers and their work has been effective. The Populists have also been at work, and the Republicans have, as usual, been making a still hunt. The Prohibitionists are not "in it" and their vote will be very small.

I believe that Swanson will be elected by a good majority, provided, of course, the Democrats continue to work. In the contest of 1888 between Lester (Democrat), and Blackwell (Republican), the vote stood as follows:

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rth Danville	333	224-
tsylvania	4,297	3,835
anklin	2.404	1.746
yd	992	1.451
nry	1,434	1,5 0
trick	1,276	998
rroll	1,320	1,137
луноп	1,298	1,244
Otal	14,417	13,049

It will be seen that the vote in the counties of Henry, Patrick, Grayson, Floyd, and Carroll is close. There is no doubt, however, that the Democratic majority in Danville and North Danville will more than offset any possible majority against the Democratic in the counties above named. Franklin is safe for a Democratic majority of at least 500, and although there is much disaffection in Pittsylvania it is to be presumed that Swanson will certainly carry his own county by a majority of several hundred. It will be seen that the vote in the coun-

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SIXIM DISTRICT.

No Republican Candidate, a Poor Weaverite—A Walk-Over for Edmunds.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

Rappoad, Va., October 22.—The progress of the campaign in the Sixth District is something of a disappointment to those Democrats and others who thought the nomination of either Cleveland or Hill would occasion a fatal indifference upon the part of the faction whose favorite should be defeated. Not a vestige of the Democratic internal fight waged before the Chicago convention now remains, Democratic internal fight waged before the Chicago convention now remains, Democratic internal fight waged before the Chicago convention now remains, Democratic internal fight waged before the Chicago convention now remains, Democratic internal fight waged before the worked for the success of its candi.

It is now believed thusiastic. A more harmonious party never worked for the success of its candi-date, and the Kepubhean hope for Demo-cratic disaffection has long since ceased to

exist.

The congressional fight is practically no contest, there being no Re-

many worthy Democratic speakers. Charlotte and Halifax report Democratic prospects very good.

While no one doubts that Democracy will win in its present fight here in the Sixth, yet it is difficult to predict accurately the result. The Republicans will lose many votes, it is generally conceded. The negroes, many think, will divide to some extent, while not a few will refrain from the exercise of their suffrage. Certain it is that a large number of white Republicans will not vote.

The strength of the People's party is hard to estimate with certainty. That it will cut but little figure is the general opinion, but those who are going to vote that way are very quet and cannot easily be counted. It is thought, however, that not many of the Virginia farmers, who have heretofore been true to their State and history, will now prove treacherous and give their State to radicalism by voting against the Democrats.

The Sixth District is safe for Democracy, and while Democrats are working earnestly and constantly, yet they feel confident of Virginia's place being in the Democratic column after November 8th.

THE CANDIDATES.

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Hon, Paul C. Edmunds, who will be reelected by the Democrats to Congress, is
iniversally popular. "Farmer Paul," as
he is often called, makes no pretensions to
great statesmanship. He is not one of
the Carlisle-Randail school, but a more
watchful representative; one more ready
to advance his district's interests does not
go to the Capitol. We have this from a
member of the present Congress. Mr. Edmunds extends, without exception,
prompt courtesies to his constituents' requests, and any man in his district can
have Paul Edmunds's attention. It is not
the courtesy of the fawning politician,
either, but the honest representative's performance of his duty. That's what makes
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The Third-party candidate, T. E. Cobbs, of Bedford county, is rarely heard from. He is a good citizen, but not for Congress. Of course, he doesn't expect election, but is doubtless doing the martyr act. If they don't forget it some Republicans may vote for him.

SEVENTH DISTRICT. Third-Party Lewis Leads a Forlorn Hope

Against Fearless O'Ferrall. [Special telegram to the Dispatch.]

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Harrisonburg, Va., October 22.—The campaign in the Seventh Congressional District thus far has been devoid of striking features or exciting neidents. The Republicans are ostensibly making no fight, leaving the field clear for the Third party. The latter has not developed enough strength in the district to put the Democratis fairly on their mettle, though the votes that will be east for that ticket are drawn almost entirely from Democratic strength. The district is largely Democratic. The majority in 1888 was about 3,400, and the opposition candidate for Congress always leads a forlorn hope. This is particularly true this year.

AN UNGRATEFUL EX-OFFICEHOLDER.



siderable effect in several counties.

O'FERBALL'S POPULARITY.

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The Democratic candidate is the present representative, Charles T. O'Ferrall, who is now making his sixth congressional race. His aggressiveness is well known and he is making an active canvass of his district. The bulk of the Republican vote will go to Lawis, as a matter of course, but there is quite a respectable number who will vote for O'Ferrall on personal grounds. His course in the Noyes-Rockwell case has served to disarm some of the bitter antagonisms of the past, and he seems to be confident that this vote will more than counterbalance the Democratic votes that will go to the Third party.

As to the national ticket the old lines are closely drawn in most of the counties, and there is no reason at this time to expect any decided change from the last presidential vote. The Republicans are not in their best fighting trim, but if the usual consignment of boodle arrives they will poli their usual strength.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Practically No Opposition to Meredith-A Third-Party Fizzle.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.) (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA. VA. October 20.—There never has been in the Eighth District as quiet a campaign as is now going on. This may in part be due to the fact that Hon. E. E. Meredith, the Democratic Hon. E. E. Meredi-nominee, has practi-cally no opposition, since Mr. Park Ag-

Honemay members of the Farmers' Alliance, who were expected to support the Third party have almost ELISHAR. MEREDITH, to a man refused to do so.

It is now believed that Mr. Beverley Turner, its candidate for Congress, will not poll 500 votes in the whole district. In Fanquier county, where the Alliance was strongest, the Democratic managers estimated the Third-party vote at about 100 a month ago, and snace that time it has been growing beautifully less. The same condition of affairs prevails all over the district, and in Alexandria city and in Fairfax county it is said that hardly a vote will be cast for Mr. Turner, without the Republicans support him, and this is a thought to be doubtful.

In spite of having no opposition of consequence, Mr. Meredith, with Hon. R. Walton Moore, has spoken in every county in the district to large audiences. Mr. Therefore the district to large audiences. Mr. The Meredith several times met Mr. Turner in joint discussion, and each time tere all his Third-party arguments to shreds. Local waleaders have also addressed the people on the questions of the day, and while but little excitement is visible, the party managers are confident of being able to get out a big vote for Cleveland, Stevenson, and Meredith. A SMALL VOTE.

SOLIDLY DEMOCRATIC.

The Eighth District can be counted on as solidly democratic. Mr. Meredith is well known in Virginia politics, having represented the Alexandria district in the State Senate for a number of years. He has several times been prominent as a candidate for Congress, and on the death of General William H. F. Lee, last fail, was nominated to succeed him and was elected by a good majority. For a new member he has taken a front place in the House, having been a prominent figure in a number of the great debates of the last Congress. He is from Fauquier county. But little is known of Mr. Turner outside of his native county of Fauquier. He has never occupied a prominent position in the Eighth District politics.



large floating vote in this district, and there is some reason to fear the money in fluence the Republicans can bring to bear, though very few of our people can be corrupted in this way. Captain Sheppard stated that large quantities of Democratic literature have been mailed to this part of of the State, but none has ever reached the people.

The MAILS TAMPERED WITH.

The inference is that it has been suppressed in the mails. There will be a full vote polled and the Democrats are confident of success.

Franklin Withdraws and the Gallant

STAUNTON, VA., October 22. -In this, the Tenth Congressional District, the De-

morray has renominated for a third term the Hon. H. St. George Tuck-er, of Staun-ton. Within a few days after the con-vention Mr. rention Mr.
Tucker.
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an ungraffer excorpticeholder.

The Third-party candidate is Colonel J.
R. C. Lewis, of Clarke, a gentleman of the highest personal standing, but apparently lacking the first elements of an aggressive campaigner. He is slightly over 60 years of age, and is a brother of the late E. P. C.
Lewis, Minister to Portugal under Cleveland's administration, who died several months ago in Hoboken, N. J.
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THE TOUCH OF DEMOCRACY.

At one time there were reasons to be-lieve the Prohibitonists would poll a sacrifice vote that might imperil Demo-cratic success here, but the scales have fallen from the eyes of many of these under the touch of Democracy, and in fine it seems as if all things were working together for the good of the Democratic party and its nominees. The meetings of the Democratic party have been well attogether for the good of the Democratic party and its nominees. The meetings of the Democratic party have been well attended, not with the demonstrative enthusiasm of the old days, but there is the ominous hush in the marching host of Democracy which means desperate and determined battle. Talkera are said not to be good doors, but be assured the Tenth District Democracy has come to use its hands and not atone its has come to use its hands and not alone its tongues. Elioquent tongues have proclaimed the Democratic gospel. Missouri, New York, and Kentucky have sent doughty champions to this district. Hon. John C. Tarsney, of Kansas City; Hon. Thomas F. Grady, of New York, and Hon. W. C. P. Breckinridge, of Lexington, Ky., are among the prominent speakers outside of the State who have come to advise with our neonle. has come to use its hands and not alone it our people.

CONRAD'S GREAT SPEECH.

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Probably the speech par excellence of the canvass in this district is being delivered by Major Holmes Courad. Hon. Charles V. Meredith, of Richmond; Captain James Bumgardner, Hon. Edward Echols. Hon. H. D. Flood, and Colonel J. H. H. Figgatt have dealt staggering blows to the enemies of Democracy.

The Republican nomines for Congress in this district was the Hon. W. Courtney Franklin, of Appomattox, and the Third party has gone to the same county for its congressional nomines in the person of Dr. Mott Robertson.

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Mr. Franklin is a young lawyer from Appenattor, and is described by his friends as a "good fellow." It is announced that he has withdrawn from the canvass and this ensures the election of Mr. Tucker.

Dr. Mott Robertson is a physician from the same county. He was very recently a Democrat, and if your correspondent mistakes not, was a candidate for office from the Democratic party, and holds office under the Democratic party to-day. He is engaged in a fruitless task when he aspires to fill the shoes of Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Tucker has been speaking continuously for weeks in the district; only once has a candidate of the opposition met him. He says if any one wishes to take his congressional shoes from him he must take them off in the presence of the people, whose shoes they are. They must be taken off in the presence of the people, and not by proxy, but by the candidate who essays to wear them.

VIRGINIA AFFAIRS.

Republican Claims-The State Considered Safe for the Democrata. (Special dispatch to the Saltimore Sun

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RICHMOND, VA., October 20.—The fact that Virginia has been placed in the column of doubtful States by certain New-York calculators has attracted some little attention in political circles here.

The Democratic leaders here who have been closely following the work of the campaign are certain that Cleveland will have the electoral vote of Virginia by a safe majority. The late Senator John S. Barbour, when chairman of the State Democratic Committee, had a way of never cimining to be certain of the result of a great political contest. Mr. Barbour was a wonderfully good campaigner and knew that it was good policy not to claim too much. He was, however, unusually certain of the results of big contests weeks before election-day.

In this campaign the Virginia Republicans are far from being united, and it seems reesonably certain that their vote this year will fall 15 or 20 per cent, below that east for Harrison in 1888.

There is no reason to believe that the Third party can possibly draw off more than a few thousand votes for Weaver and Field. Even if the Third-party managers were te allow the Republicans to food the districts with Harrison electoral tickets, it is not believed it would amount to anything.

The Weaverites have given an order for

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## CANVASS IN VIRGINIA

Voters Are Doing.

REPUBLICANS NOT ASLEEP.

Personal Notes About the Men Who Aspire

OUR HEADQUARTERS

classes, were the objects of my visit to The result is eminently satisfactory. The rooms of the committee constitute one of the busiest places in the State, the organization of the party in all sections of

cated in one of the finest buildings in Charlottesville and occupy eight large. airy offices. Here in addition to what may be termed the heads of the departments, are ten clerks. Six of these are regularly employed by the committee and the other four contribute their services gratuitously. The State central organization is constituted of Hon, Basil B. Gor-

these gentlemen, nor is my vision clearer, but when I remember that it is invariably the case, as it ought to be, that apprehension and a latitudinous regard for contingencies enter largely into headquarter calculations, there seems every reason to rejoice over the prospect.

Taking the congressional districts approximately, the view of the situation as the headquarter people see it is thus: The First District is safe for Jones and the ventilation of Orrus Brown's record in the oyster question is making it safer every day. The Second District (Tyler's) is in better condition than ever before. The Third District (Wise's) is solid. In the Fourth District (Eppes's) the fight is getting desperately hot and it is difficult to see the end through the smoke of battle. The Fifth District (Swanson's) has a weak spot in Pittsylvanders. man), Claggett B. Jones, Robert McCand-Scood District-Joseph T. Duke (chair-

smoke of battle. The Fifth District (Swanson's) has a weak spot in Pittsylvania, but the committee have every hope of strengthening it, and the candidate will be returned. The Sixth District is assured to Edmunds. The Seventh and Eighth Districts (O'Ferrall's and Meredith's, respectively) do not appear to be as wide awake as could be desired, but will return these men. In the Ninth District Marshall is having his hands full, but will win. In the Tenth District Tucker is all right. man), f., L. C. Scott, J. D. Odell, H. L. Carter, and Simon Solomon.
Fourth District-Sidney P. Epes (chairan), George Mason, T. N. Williams, R. E. Bland, and R. M. Burton.
Fifth District—James L. Treadway

man), M. C. Thomas, T. W. Scott, E. S.

Ninth District: L. R. Jackson (chair-

John T. Coleman, Camm Patteson.

32 years of age, has had quite a wide experience in party management. He was born in Fredericks-burg, received his liberal education at John Hopkins, and his political education at John Hopkins and John Hopkins at Headquarter advices in respect to the national outlook do not differ from those which have been given to the public from day to day through the columns of the Disparch. The Resublicans are making their fight in Wisconsin, New York, West Virginis, Indiana, and Connecticut. No one can foretell what will be the outcome in Wisconsin, but the Democratic and the hopeful. In New York the Republican game is one of buy, but there is every reason to believe that the goods will not be delivered. The registration in New York city and Brooklyn was very favorable to the Democratic and this with other factors of the situation render the State safely Democratic. In West Virginis the Republicans are trying a game of brag, and that is all there is in their ciaim to that State, and at beadquarters Indians is regarded as certainly Democratic. This I learn is the view both in Charlottesville and at heating the seddent to present a tangible element of uncertainty in the organization of the seed-leaf tobacco raisers, but when the Republicans calculate on these they asset to forcet the unknown quantity

THE CORRESPONDENCE.

mittee organization has been intrusted to Captain Hambleton Sheppard, and a more thoroughly-equipped man for the work could not be found in the country.

He, too, is a pupil of the late Hon. John S. Barbour, having become associated with the country.

is a prominent business-man of New York and a me m ber of Tammany. In his management of the league he has developed wonderful political sagacity, and rendered invaluable service to the party. The league, through the individual clubs, looks after the distribution of literature and the registration of voters, and the statement is made here on anthority from

mac and Norths ampton, thus making it a labo-rious task for any candidate for Con-voting population

THE CANDIDATES.

LOOKING AFTER THE SPEAKERS.

The appointments for speakers are in charge of Hon. Walter A. Watson, State senator from the Nottoway District, and his position is no sinecure. Mr. Watson is the youngest member of the Senate, to which body he was returned in 1891. He was elected a secretary of the committee in June, 1892, and since then has been unremitting in his labors. He has a wonderful faculty for details and can (speaking metaphorically) put his finger on any speaker in the State at any moment. His teiggraphic and letter correspondence frequently keeps him busy until long after midnight. Just here let me remark that all the headquarter force work on an average from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M., and during the enture time everything goes with a rush. Mr. Watson is not only posted as to the movement of our own speakers, but Browne, the Third-party candidate.

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Mr. Jonesis a native of Richmond county, a graduate of the University of Virginia, an able lawver, and son of Judge Thomas Jones, of Warsaw in that county, which is also the home of the candidate. He was elected to Congress in 1890 over his Republican competitor, the late Hon. T. H. Baily Browne, by a majority of 2,463, and is an able and efficient representative.

His opponent, Captain Orris A. Browne, is a resident of Northampton county; a brother of the late Hon. T. H. Bailey Browne; a member of the State Board of Agriculture; a large farmer; a member of the Farmers' Alliance, and general manager of the estate of the late Congressman W. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania, in Northampton. Up to the time of his acceptance of the Third-party nomination he was a pronounced Democrat and for some years was a member of the Democratic State Central Committee and a member of the County Executive Committee.

In the present canyass there has been two local questions introduced, which have figured conspicuously—namely, the Lapham fishery bill, introduced in the last Congress and defeated through the efforts of Mr. Jones, and the oyster question. The first-named bill Mr. Browne favored, and, had it become a law it would have been very injurious to the fishing interest. As to the latter he advocated the gale of all oyster-planting the movement of our own speakers, but also makes it a point to keep up with the meeting programma of the Third party and the Republicans, and thus frequently an-In the beginning of my letter I said that one of the objects of my visit to Charlottesville was to take a view of the political outlook through headquarter glasses. Before proceeding, however, to describe what I saw or to cast a horoscope, I would remark that a sense of responsibility on the part of the party managers always throws a shadow between the field and the headquarter leuses. I am net wiser than these centiemen, nor is my vision clearer.

Republican Defection and Breach-Demo eratic Prospects Encouraging. Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, October 22.—The defection in the Republican party here makes the outlook for the Democrats in this district very promising. It is hardly possible now to heal the breach, do what they may. The fight has been too protracted and bitter and only those Republicans who are in office or government em-

parties and each party makes claim to victory. But if the climaxim that straws show which way the wind blows is true, the signs sure point to the election of Mr. James F. Epes, the Democratic candidate. Mr. Epes is a lawyer by profession, and is also one of the most successful farmers in the South side. He is a citizen of No taway county, whose people are devoted to him. He is a gentleman of culture and of the true Vir. Samps F. PES. since the true Vir. Samps F. PES. since the poole are devoted to him. He is a gentleman of culture and of the true Vir. Samps F. PES. since the poole and the poor as by the rich, by the ignorant as well as by the educated—in all respects a man of the people, and one who regards the interests of the people. In plain words, he is a representative Democrat. His course in Congress, of which he is now a member, has been heartily endorsed by the Democrats of the district, and the Third-party people can find no objection to him, save that he is a Democrat. When challenged upon the stump to state what their objections were to Mr. Epps. their speakers have signally failed to assign any.

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